(e) the likely date when construction of the proposed bridge will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). There is a proposal for construction of 2nd Vivekananda Bridge over Ganga near Calcutta under BOT scheme and it is too early to indicate the date of start of work.

Mandapeshwar Cave

2305. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is one cave named Mandapeshwar Cave in Borivli (W), Mumbai, which is famous for its mythological and archaeological importance;

(b) whether Government are also aware that for want of proper maintenance and repairs the cave is in bad condition at present as its supporting pillars have developed cracks which need immediate and expert attention;

(c) whether the Government propose to instruct the Director of Archaeology in Maharashtra and call for urgent information report and proposals for repairs together with financial estimate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Mandapeshwar Cave at Borivli (W), Mumbai is a centrally protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) As the caves are carved out of very weak rocks, structural defects in the caves, including pillars, are visible. Necessary measures are taken for the proper conservation of the monument.

(c) and (d). Do not arise, in view of the monument being centrally protected.

Fate of DU Students

2306. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "DU students' fate is sealed in six minutes" appearing in *The Times of India* dated September 10, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A factual report on the allegations made in the newsitem has been called for from the University and any further action in the matter would be possible after the same is received.

Compulsory NCC Training

2307. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is thinking to recommend to Human Resource Development Ministry for compulsory NCC training from Class XI to graduation course of the University with a view to select qualified 'C' certificate holders to join the commission;

(b) if not, whether some other plan is under consideration to motivate young college students to join Indian Defence Service; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). It has been decided to launch a comprehensive image projection campaign to highlight the unique positive features of the Armed Forces service as a fulfilling career.

Modernisation of Calcutta-Haldia Port

2308. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :
PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for expansion and modernisation of Calcutta-Haldia Port;

(b) whether more berths are planned to be added there to handle more cargo;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken so far in this direction; and

(e) the funds allotted, if any, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) More berths are planned to be added in Haldia.

(c) and (d). The Working Group on 9th Plan has recommended construction of third oil jetty and a jetty for handling dangerous and hazardous cargoes at Haldia.

Port Sector has also been opened up for private participation to undertake various port developmental activities.

(e) The 9th Plan and the Annual Plan for 1997-98 are yet to be approved.